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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It is with great pleasure that we are presenting the Volume 10, No. 2 of the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI) Newsletter to you for the period July—December 2022.

Dr. Dharmendra Pradhan, The Hon'ble, Union Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Government of India, visited the V.P. Chest Institute on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, 31st October, 2022. The Hon'ble, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yogesh Singh along with Registrar, Delhi University, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director VPCI, Dr. Raj kumar and other dignitaries and Faculty and Staff of VPCI were present to mark this day.









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Mr. Mansukh Mandaviya, The Hon'ble, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilisers, Government of India visited the V.P. Chest Institute on 12th August, 2022.



The VPCI, inaugurated the Short Term Certificate Course in Clinical Pathology, the IJCDAS Online, and E-Sanjeevani OPD (Tele Medicine consultation) during this period. The CME on Pharmacovigilance, Workshop on Pulmonary Rehabilitation, 46th workshop on Respiratory Allergy were some of the other academic events organised.







E-Sanjeevani OPD



Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute started E—Sanjeevani OPD (Tele Medicine Consultation) OPD Days Monday, Tuesday, Friday from 10:00AM to 12:00PM.

Short Term Certificate Course in Clinical Pathology - 4th July, 2022





The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute inaugurated the Short Term Certificate Course in Clinical Pathology on 4th July 2022. This course is the academic programme, started in Dept. of Pathology, VPCI with aim to improve skilled manpower in the country Prof. Tanuja Manoj Nesari, Director, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi was the Chief Guest of the Programme. She inaugurated the Short Term Course in Clinical Pathology with Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, V.P. Chest Institute, Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha, Head of Department, Pathology.

Inauguration of IJCDAS Online -13th July, 2022





The Indian Journal of Chest Disease and Allied Sciences (IJCDAS) is published quarterly by VPCI in association with NCCP(I) since 1959. Now online submission of the article is possible. This was inaugurated on 13th July, 2022 by Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale, Chairman Governing Body, and Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, VPCI. Faculty Members, and Staff of VPCI, were present during the programme.

Independence Day Celebration-15th August, 2022





The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute celebrated the 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022, at VCH Lawn, V.P. Chest Institute. Prof. Raj Kumar, Director of the Institute hoisted the flag. VPCI staff and students were present at the occasion. The program ended with the distribution of sweets among the people present.

2nd Workshop on Pulmonary Rehabilitation-4th-5th September, 2022





The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute organised the 2nd Workshop on Pulmonary rehabilitation on 4th to 5th September at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, VPCI. Dr. Raj Kumar was the organising chairman, Dr. Vishal Bansal was the Organizing Secretary & Dr. Sonam Spalgais was the Co-organizing secretary of the program.

World Physiotherapy Day-8th September, 2022





Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute organised a Programme on World Physiotherapy Day on 8th September, 2022 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium of the Institute. Lectures were taken by Dr. Vishal Bansal, Professor, Department of Physiology and Ms. Anjali Malik, Physiotherapist. All Faculty, Staff and Students attended the Programme.

Felicitation Ceremony for NTQLS Counsellors - April - June, 2022



On 20th September, 2022, National Tobacco Quit Line Services awarded best three counsellors for the months of April 2022- Mr. Naveen, Ms. Neetu, Mr. Deepak Kumar; May 2022- Ms. Khushi, Ms. Tanya, Ms. Pooja Solanki; June 2022- Ms. Manisha, Ms. Neetu, Mr. Bhairav Dutt Sharma. The awards were distributed by Chief Guest, Dr. Ranbir Singh, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Shri Nawal Kishore, Treasurer, University of Delhi, the Guest of Honour of the Programme and Prof. Raj Kumar, Director, V.P. Chest Institute, Delhi.

Felicitation Ceremony for NTQLS Counsellors - July - September, 2022

On 7th October, 2022, National Tobacco Quit Line Services awarded best three counsellors for the month of July 2022- Ms. Sakshsi Singh, Ms. Khushi Singh, Ms. Smritika Saggi: August 2022-Mr. Bhairav Dutt Sharma, Ms. Manisha, Ms. Khushi Singh: September 2022-Ms. Manisha, Mr. Bhairav Dutt Sharma, Ms. Sakshi Singh. The awards were distributed by Chief Guest, Shri Bhante D. Sumedho, Chairman, Buddhist Culture Foundation, Dr. Arun Yadav, Director, (Hosp. Ad.) MCD was the Guest of Honour with Dr. Raj Kumar, Director, VP Chest Institute, Delhi.



CME on Pharmacovigilance-17th – 23rd September, 2022





The AMC (Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Center) of the Institute organised a CME on "Pharmacovigilance–Encouraging Reporting of Adverse Drug Reaction by Patients" on 22nd September, 2022 at 03:00 PM in the Seminar Hall of the Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium during observance of National Pharmacovigilance Week under the aegis of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, NCC Pharmacovigilance Program of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India from 17th – 23rd September, 2022. The Faculty, Staff & Students attended the Program.

16th Prof. Autar Singh Paintal Memorial Oration-26th September, 2022



Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute organized the 16th Prof. Autar Singh Paintal Memorial Oration on 26th September, 2022 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, VPCI. The oration was delivered by Prof. Anil Gurtoo, Director Professor Department of Medicine, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi. The Topic of the Oration was "Breathless Lung and Foggy Minds at High Altitude: Physiology and its Clinical Correlates. Prof. Rakesh Bhatnagar, VC, Amity University, Rajasthan was the Chief Guest of the Programme. Prof. Shri Prakash Singh, Director South Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi, Prof. BL Sherwal, Medical Superintendent, VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi were Guest of honour for the program. The programme was attended by the distinguished faculties, Students & All Staff of VPCI.

Special Swachhta Campaign 2.0 - 2nd - 31st October, 2022





The institute observed, the Special Campaign 2.0 for disposal of Pending Matters (Swachhta Campaign) from 2nd October, 2022- 31st October, 2022. During the Period, several activities to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in and around the Institute were carried out.

Dr. VK Vijayan Oration-26th October, 2022





The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute organized 6th Dr. VK Vijayan Oration on 26th October, 2022 at Paintal Memorial Golden Jubilee Auditorium, VPCI. Shri. S Gopalakrishnan, Special Secretary (Health), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and Prof. (Dr.) Saudan Singh was the Guest of Honour for the above Programme. Prof. (Dr.) Surender Kashyap delivered lecture on the topic of "Changing Face of Medical Education in India". All Faculty Staff and Students attended the Programme.

Observance of Vigilance Awareness Week – 31st October, 2022 – 6th November, 2022





The Institute observed "Vigilance Awareness Week - 2022" from 31st October to 6th November 2022 with the theme "Corruption Free India for a developed Nation". The Observance of the Vigilance Awareness Week commenced with the Pledge by all Faculty, Staff and Students of the Institute.

46th Workshop on Respiratory Allergy: Diagnosis & Management-28th November to 2nd December, 2022





The 46th workshop on Respiratory Allergy: Diagnosis & Management was organised by Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute with support of Society for Tobacco Control from 28th November – 2nd December, 2022 at V.P Chest Institute, Delhi. Dr. Randeep Guleria, former Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi was the chief Guest. Dr. Ashwini Dalmiya, President, Delhi Medical Association and Dr. Vikas Gupta, Registrar, University of Delhi were the Guest of Honour and Professor Raj Kumar the Organizing Chairman inaugurated the workshop by launching the Training manual book.

Workshop on Data Analysis- 8th December, 2022



The Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute organised the "Workshop on Data analysis" on 8th December, 2022. The workshop was attended by students and researchers of various institutes. It was designed to sensitise the participants on the use of a free statistical software and included hands-on session on basic data analysis. Dr. Ravi Shankar was organising secretary, Dr. Jayeeta and Dr. Siddharth Raj Yadav was joint organising secretary.



Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre (AMC) of Pharmacovigilance Program of India-GOI at VPCI

The Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Centre (AMC) of Pharmacovigilance Program of India, MoH & FW, GOI, at V.P. Chest Institute performed the Causality Assessment of the Individual Case Safety Reports (ICSRs) and submitted report to IPC which are later submitted to Uppsala Monitoring Centre, Sweden. The AMC celebrated the National Pharmacovigilance Week from 17th-23rd September, 2022 by conducting E-Poster competition on 17th Sep, 2022, Encouraged reporting of Adverse Drug Reactions by Patients 19th September, 2022, Hands on Training to fill suspected ADR Form for Nurses on 20th September, 2022, General public awareness in OPD on 21st September, 2022, CME on Pharmacovigilance/ Release of VPCI Pamphlet on 22nd September, 2022, Visit to W.U.S Health Centre for awareness cum sensitization of HCPs, patients on 23rd September, 2022. Drug Alerts were shared through online mode to HCPs on 31st October, 2022. Med safety week was celebrated from 07th-13th November, 2022 by sharing campaign material on social media.

Research Projects and Fellowships

Presently, 8 Research Projects (funded by ICMR, DST, NCDC, DHR & MoHFW), 01 MRU-ICMR-DHR-MoHFW-VPCI, 01 NTQLS-MoHFW-VPCI and 02 Research Fellowships (funded by ICMR, DHR-MoHFW) are continuing in the institute.

Further, 01 New Research Project and 02 New Research Fellowships was additionally sanctioned during the period 1st July, 2022 to 31st December, 2022. The details are as follows:

Title of the Research Project	Department
" A research cum intervention multi-centric study to strengthen National TB elimination programme (NTEP) by implementing programme guidelines for TB using novel strategies to address the various challenges faced by the programme in selected states and specific population/communities in India"	Funding Agency: ICMR Dr. Sonam Spalgais, P.I. Department of Pulmonary Medicine, Grant received: 41.71 (Lakhs) Date of Start: 01/08/2022
"Aptamer functionalized liposome: A way towards immune-targeted RAN based vaccine against influenza Virus"	Funding Agency: ICMR Mrs. Archana, SRF Prof. Madhu Khanna, Guide/Mentor Virology unit, Department of Microbiology Grant received: 5.53 (Lakhs) Date of Start: 01/07/2022
"Contribution of Eflux pumps to Delamanid resistance in clinical isolates of Mycobacterium tuberculosis"	Funding Agency: ICMR Ms. Varsha Chauhan, SRF Prof. Mandira Varma Basil, Guide/Mentor Department of Microbiology Grant received: 5.53 (Lakhs) Date of Start: 01/08/2022

Awards & Honors

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was External Examiner for DTCD examination at Patna Medical College, Patna on 13th June, 2022

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was Member, menigine committee of the Gandhi Bhavan, University of Delhi, Delhi on 12th July, 2022

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director of VPCI, participated in demonstration of virtual bronchoscopy and bronchial Thermoplasty at VPCI on 14th July, 2022



Prof. Raj Kumar, Director of VPCI, gave lecture on COPD, KGMU, at Lucknow, on 14th July, 2022

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was Member, National Steering Committee for National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Service, University of Delhi, Delhi on 20th July, 2022.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was External Examiner for DM (Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine) Practical examination of BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Dharan, Nepal on 8th - 9th September 2022.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was awarded the QCI Quality Champion Award 2021-2022 for significant and holistic contributions in the field of Quality by National Board for Quality Promotion Quality Council of India, New Delhi, on 6th October, 2022.



Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was Guest of Honour, 3rd World Environmental Submit on by Environment and Social development Association (ESDA)Delhi, India, on 15th - 16th October, 2022.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, participated in National CME on Integrated Approach For Tuberculosis and MDR-TB organised by Department of Respiratory Medicine, School of Media Sciences and Research, Sharda University, Greater Noida on 19th October, 2022.



Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was awarded the "Eminent Medical and Health Education Teacher Award" on occasion of Teacher's Day by Delhi Medical Association on 04th November, 2022.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, was appointed as Anti Discrimination Officer for a period of three years by University of Delhi, on 10th November, 2022.

Prof. Raj Kumar, Director VPCI, participated in NAPCON 2022, the 24th Joint National Conference on Pulmonary Diseases of the National College of Chest Physicians (India) and Indian Chest Society organised at Udaipur, Rajasthan from 10th-13th November 2022.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was an External examiner for MBBS exams at Ambedkar Medical College, Rohini, on 07th July, 2022.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was an expert member to review the CCRUM Collaborative projects under Expression of Interest (EOI) scheme, on 15th July, 2022

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was an External examiner for 2nd year MSc. exams at HIMSR, on 21st-22nd July, 2022

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was an expert member (Pharmacology) in IHEC of PGIMER, RML Hospital during meetings on 18.08.2022, 28.10.2022, 07.11.2022

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was a Mentor/guide of Pankaj Verma, submitted Ph.D. thesis on the topic entitled," Experimental studies to evaluate the mode of action of traditional herbal agents in bronchial asthma", Delhi University, on 18th August, 2022.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, Member Expert of the Board of Studies (Pharmacology) of HIMSR held on 20th August, 2022.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was an Examiner for Ph.D. thesis of Shruti Rastogi in Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Amity Institute of Pharmacy, Amity university, UP, India on 4th October, 2022

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was an external expert for "Ef fects of Bioflavonoids on NF-kB Mediated and MMP-9 Modulated Diabetic Complications using STZ-induced Diabetic Rat Model" by Ritu at DPSRU University, DSRC, on 4th November 2022.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, participated in 9th Induction-cum-training program on "Materiovigilance Program of India", Organised by IPC, Ghaziabad, on 9-10th November, 2022.

Prof. Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was an Examiner for Viva-voce of thesis of Sourabh Raghuvanshi, Dept. of Pharmacology and Clinical Research, DPSRU, on 25th November 2022.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was awarded "Best Women Scientist Award" during 3rd International hybrid conference on "Traditional and Alternative Medicine", Panaji, Goa, 17-18th November, 2022.



Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, gave a talk as Keynote speaker on "Integration of yogic interventions with modern medicine in the management of COPD" during 3rd International Hybrid Conference on Traditional and Alternative Medicine, Panaji, Goa, on 17-18th November, 2022

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was chairperson in "International Conference on Nanomedicine: Chemistry, Medicine Interface (NCMI-2022)", Organised by Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi, Delhi, on 6th December, 2022.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, was an Examiner for Ph.D. thesis of Nazia Siddiqui Dept. of Pharmacology, School of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (SPER), Jamia Hamdard University, on 9th December 2022.

Prof. Kavita Gulati, Dept. of Pharmacology, provided training on "Proper storage and dispensing of medicines", for Doctors, Nursing and Pharmacy staff at VPCI for NABH, on 12th December, 2022.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha Dept. of Pathology, was Invited faculty and speaker on, "Empowering Women in Research and Leadership. Funding Opportunities by SERB-DST: Awareness Workshop for Researchers from North-East Institutions" Organised by Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) and Institute of Advanced study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati on 14th-15th July, 2022.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha Dept. of Pathology, was External Committee member of, 5th meeting of the Board of Studies of the Department of Paramedical Sciences, FAHS, SGT, University held on 13th July 2022.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha Dept.of Pathology, was External Committee member for curriculum of BMLS and MMLS courses at Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) Headquarters, Dwarka Campus, New Delhi on 24th August, 2022.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha Dept. of Pathology, was Member of Meeting regarding Organization of Nationwide Voluntary Blood Donation Campaign; as part of BLOOD DONATION WEEK, online meeting Hosted by Registrar LHMC on 10th September, 2022

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha Dept. of Pathology, was Invited faculty and moderator in the session "Challenges for Women in Industrial/ Translational Research" organised by SERB and IIT at Gandhinagar on 29th September, 2022.

Prof. Ritu Kulshrestha Dept.of Pathology, was External Committee member of the 6th meeting of the BOS, Department of Paramedical Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, SGT University held on 1st November, 2022.

Prof. Vishwajeet Rohil, Dept. of Biochemistry, was Elected as Secretary, Biotechnology Society of India on 29th August, 2022.



Prof. Vishwajeet Rohil, Dept. of Biochemistry, was awarded, "Eminent Medical and Health Education Teacher Award" on occasion of Teacher's Day celebration of Delhi Medical Association on 4th September 2022.

Prof. Vishwajeet Rohil, Dept. of Biochemistry, was invited faculty and convenor of Symposium, Titled, "Recent advances: Pulmonary health & Laboratory medicine" during 48th National Conference of the Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBICON 2022) organised at International Convention Centre, ICAR, New Delhi, on 24th to 26th November, 2022.

Dr. Sonam Spalgais, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, participated in the super speciality medical camp organised by Asoka Mission trust Delhi and district administration Kargil at District hospital Kargil from 25th September to 1st October 2022, and served the people of this hilly area who were suffering from various respiratory diseases.

Dr. Parul Mrigpuri, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, was speaker on Nutrition in chronic lung diseases, at 2nd Workshop on Pulmonary Rehabilitation, organised by VPCI, Delhi, on 5th September 2022.



Dr. Parul Mrigpuri, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, was speaker on, (i) The impact of climate change in the planetary environment on pollen season, allergy and asthma, (ii) Workshop on Pulmonary rehabilitation and smoking cessation, (iii) Are asthma remedies not so useful or harmful? organised by NCCP, NAPCON, in Udaipur, Rajasthan on 10-13th November, 2022.

Dr. Parul Mrigpuri, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, was speaker on, Heath approach in addressing allergic health issues (Community and Health facility level), at VC training of the State Program officials on Allergic Health Issues in the context of Climate Change, organised by National Program on Climate change and Human Health, on 17th November, 2022 (online).

Dr. Parul Mrigpuri, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, was speaker on, Effect of climate change on allergy, Indian College of Allergy, Asthma and Applied Immunology at ICAAICON, Pune Maharashtra, on 15th-18thDecember, 2022.



Dr. Parul Mrigpuri, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, received the Von-Pirquet young scientist award at the 56th annual convention of the Indian college of Allergy, Asthma and Applied Immunology, on 15th-18th December 2022.

Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, Dept. of Biochemistry, was Co-ordinator for NABH EL Accreditation, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute and organised various internal training programs during this duration to educate and upskill the staff of VPCI according to the standards of NABH.

Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, Dept. of Biochemistry, Participated in the "Computational workshop on Genomics, Proteomics and Metagenomics 2022", South Campus, organised by CSIR-IGIB on, 20th to 23rd July, 2022.

Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, Dept. of Biochemistry, Participated, in the "National symposium on quality of medical research" From choosing the problem to publication, organised by Biostatistics consortium in collaboration with National Academy of Medical sciences and Epidemiology Foundation of India on, at National Academy of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, on 19th November, 2022.

Dr. Jayeeta Bhadra, dept. of Biochemistry, was speaker on "Biomarkers in diagnosis and management of obstructive airway diseases" organised by Association of Clinical Biochemists of India (ACBICON 2022) at ICAR, New Delhi, on 25th November, 2022.

Dr. Sharmistha Dutta, Dept. of Pulmonary Medicine, was awarded the National College of Chest Physicians, Prof. S.N. Gaur Young Scientist Award-3rd Prize on 12th November, 2022.

Dr. Neha Sharma, PsPvA, ADR Monitoring Centre- attended Training session on Import and Processing of E2B XML file into VigiFlow by IPC on 5th August, 2022.

Dr. Neha Sharma, PsPvA, ADR Monitoring Centre - attended WHO- Med DRA-UMC introductory workshop on Safety Monitoring of Medicines and Vaccines by UMC on 14th September, 2022.

Dr. Neha Sharma, PsPvA, ADR Monitoring Centre attended the induction-cum-training Programme attended on Materiovigilance Programme of India by IPC on 9th October, 2022.

Ms. Meenu Dolia, JRF, Dept. of Pathology, presented Paper in National Symposium in Frontiers in Biomedical Research Titled, 'Subtyping of advanced lung cancer based on PD-L1 expression, tumour histopathology and mutation burden (EGFR and KRAS): a study from North India". Organised by Dr BR Ambedkar Center for Biomedical Research, University of Delhi, 2nd-4th November 2022.

New Appointments:



Dr. Ankit Arora Joined as a Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, on Ad-Hoc basis, on 29th December, 2022.

Superannuation and Farewell:



Dr. Anita Kotwani, Professor & Head of Dept. Pharmacology, superannuated on 31st December, 2022.

Visitors

Shri. S Gopalakrishnan, Additional Secretary(Dept. of Health & Family Welfare) Visited the V.P Chest Institute on 11th August, 2022.

Upcoming events:

• Allergy and Immunotherapy: Sensitization will be organised by NCRAAI Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute. Delhi from March to April, 2023.



PRESS AND MEDIA REPORT:

Articles published in National and regional Newspapers:

Hindi Ki Discovery (05/12/2022)

Hind ki Discovery (13/10/22)





Navbharat Times (03/07/22)



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Dainik Bhaskar (05/12/2022)

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